

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF NHS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy for maintenance of NHs/Expressways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the financial assistance provided by the Government to the States for maintenance and repair of NHs in the country are inadequate to meet the requirement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along the allocation requested by the State Governments and the amount actually sanctioned during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (e) the expenditure incurred by the State Governments out of their own resources/annual budget during the said period, NH-wise, length-wise and State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to provide adequate funds to the States for construction, maintenance and repair of NHs; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the steps taken for expeditious completion of all NH projects as per the schedule?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a)and(b) The development and maintenance works on National Highways (NHs) including National Expressways are implemented by the Ministry on the agency basis through the various agencies, such as the State Governments (through State Public Works Departments (PWDs)), Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Accordingly, the stretches of the NHs including National Expressways are entrusted to these agencies for their development and maintenance.

As per the Ministry's policy, actions are initiated for entrustment of the NH stretches included under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) to NHAI at the time of issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) by NHAI. Till that time, these NHs are maintained by the State PWDs / BRO in such a manner that there is no difficulty in movement of traffic. During this period, the works such as renewal of wearing course, improvement of riding quality meeting the requirement of prescribed cycle as well as condition of the road, and other improvement works like construction of culverts, drains, strengthening of pavements, etc. (which are required for safe movement of traffic and which can be completed before handing over the stretches of NHs to NHAI) can also be sanctioned.

The maintenance of other stretches not included under NHDP are done by the concerned agencies as per availability of funds, extent of damages, inter-se priority to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions.

For the stretches of NHs where 4/6 laning works are under implementation by the NHAI, the maintenance of existing roads is being carried out by the Contractor/ Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. In case of sections entrusted to NHAI, where 4/6 laning have not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads is being carried out by NHAI directly or through State PWDs. Completed sections of NHAI funded projects are being maintained through Operation and Maintenance (O&M) contracts and the sections being developed under Built Operate Transfer (BOT) basis are being maintained by the concessionaire. After the entrustment of the stretches of NHs to NHAI, or the appointed Concessionaire takes necessary measures for the maintenance of the NHs to keep it in the traffic-worthy condition.

The Ministry has also taken a policy initiative to take up operation and maintenance of the developed stretches of NHs on Operate-Maintain-Transfer (OMT) basis through private sector participation, thereby leveraging the available resources.

(c)and(d) The non-plan allocations that are annually provided by the Ministry of Finance to this Ministry for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of NHs are of the order of about 40% of the actual requirements as per the Ministry's stipulated norms.

The year-wise details of estimated requirement of funds for M&R of NHs and the actual allocation provided to this Ministry are as follows:-

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Year	Estimated requirement of funds	Allocation provided
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2004-05	2,480.00	745.56
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2005-06	2,480.00	868.10
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2006-07	2,480.00	814.38
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2007-08	2,280.00	1,001.68
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2008-09	2,500.00	974.32
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2009-10	2,500.00	1,059.10
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2010-11	2,800.00	1,989.46
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2011-12	2,800.00	1,027.25
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Additional allocation of Rs. 1,000.10 crore was provided at R.E. stage during 2010-11.

This Ministry has taken up the issue of enhancing the allocations of funds for M&R of NHs from time to time with the Ministry of Finance. Ministry of Finance has agreed to provide additional allocation of ` 300 crore at RE stage of 2011-12.

Periodic assessments of the conditions of NHs are being carried out by the executive agencies and all the NHs in the country are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources based upon the assessment of their conditions, depending upon traffic density and inter-se priority of works.

Accordingly, M&R works were carried out on NHs during last three years as per availability of funds and inter-se priority of works.

The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for M&R of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-I.

(e) The State-wise details of expenditure incurred by the State Governments out of their own resources/annual budget for M&R of NHs during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II. However, information pertaining to the States such as Chhattisgarh, Manipur and Odisha are being compiled and the same shall be laid on the table of the House.

(f)and(g) The development and maintenance of NHs is a continuous process and the works are accordingly taken up as per availability of funds, traffic density, and inter-se priority to keep them in traffic worthy conditions. Allocations are also made accordingly to the State Governments within the available resources.

As per the recent assessments, no shortfall in funds are envisaged for development works on NHs under National Highways (Original) [NH(O)] during 2011-12.

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In order to expedite implementation of projects Regional Offices headed by Chief General Managers e monitoring of implementation of projects. Measures have been taken to expedite land acquisition, shifting of utilities, etc.

The projects on NHs are periodically reviewed and monitored at various levels and corrective actions are taken up from time to time.